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WE'RE FOR AMERICA & AMERICANS!

THE Legislature passed and Governor BRADLEY approved a bill authorizing the state to issue \$500,000 in bonds to pay some of its old Democratic debts. Judge CANTRELL of Frankfort at the first chance declared the bill "unconstitutional." And now comes the Court of Appeals and declares Judge CANTRELL'S declaration "unconstitutional" in other words, that the bill is all right, and that the bonds will be issued and the state's honest debts be paid.

THE New York Sun calls attention to the fact that the desire to acquire the Sandwich Islands as a part of United States territory is no new thing in this country, either in the Cleveland or McKinley Administration.

Uncle Sam and Hawaii. Sun shows that as long ago as in 1842, when DANIEL WEBSTER was Secretary of State under President TYLER, it was urged that became five-sixths of all the vessels that annually visited the Sandwich Islands were American vessels, and that because the United States was more interested in the fate of the Islands and of their Government than any other Nation, the Islands ought to become a part of the United States. Twelve years later, WILLIAM L. MARCY, Secretary of State under President PIERCE, with the full support of the Cabinet, instructed Commissioner D. L. GREGG to negotiate with the Hawaiian Government a treaty for bringing the Islands into the Union as a Territory.

MARCY was an enthusiastic advocate of the annexation and he authorized Commissioner GREGG to pay \$100,000 as a pension to the King and his chiefs as a part of the annexation agreement. The plan finally fell through, because it was insisted that Hawaii should be admitted as a state and because the pensions asked for were increased to \$300,000. All this occurred when the United States interests on the Pacific coast, compared with what they are now, were insignificant, when there was no point that the Government cared to guard particularly.

The question of annexation came up again in 1868 under President JOHNSON'S Administration, when the President said:

"The treaty negotiated by Secretary SWARD would prove a guarantee of the good will and forbearance of all Nations, until the people of the Islands shall of themselves at no distant day voluntarily apply for admission to the Union."

Secretary of State FISH, under General GRANT, described the Sandwich Islands as an outpost commanding the whole of our possessions on the Pacific and he was in favor of annexation. Still later Secretary BLAINE declared that the Hawaiian Islands held the strategic control of the North Pacific and that their early possession by the United States was the true American policy. For more than half a century, save and except during the one anti-American Administration of President CLEVELAND, the settled policy in this country, whether Democratic or Republican, has been in favor of the annexation of the Islands which Captain Cook discovered.

The Ohio Republican State Convention—*as the LEDGER* said it would "didn't do a thing" to Mister CLEVELAND's application of the Civil Service Rules. Out and away with the disgraceful, non-American fraud!

We don't know whether Mr. CLEVELAND may be down in Virginia at present or no, but he is down pretty low in the estimation of the great majority of the people who cast their votes for him as President for two terms, else we are mistaken.

THE Republican State Convention of Ohio, the first held since the inauguration of President MCKINLEY, this day pays its respects to the Civil Service fraud perpetrated by Mister CLEVELAND:

"We denounce the violation of the spirit of the Civil Service Act by President CLEVELAND in those orders which extended its operation beyond its purpose and intent, and demand such re-creation of orders, or modification of the law, as will accomplish its manifest purpose."

Ohio has led a tramp card and all the other states will, like honest players, "follow suit."

The Civil Service, as administered by CLEVELAND, was a means of getting Republicans out of office and putting Democrats in—and keeping them there.

FLOTSAM—JETSAM—LIGAN.

NEWS NOTES FROM NATURE'S GREAT HIGHWAY.

The Sherley will pass up tonigh for Pomeroy. Several towboats have left Pittsburgh with small loads. The W. F. Nisbet will pass down to night from Pomeroy. The William Ernst passed up with a tow of empties for Keweenaw. The John A. Wood and tow passed up last night for Pittsburgh.

The Henry M. Stanley went to Charles ton last night. She will return Sunday. The E. A. Andrews passed down with a tow of 30 pieces from Kanawha for Cincinnati. The Ohio at this point is falling after reaching a good boating stage. The gauge shows 147.

The towboat Boaz with a large tow of empties passed last night for Pittsburgh from New Orleans.

A Pittsburg had the cheapest wharfage of a million and a half West of the mountains.

The Keystone State passed up last night for Pittsburgh with a good trip.

She had 250 tons reshipping from South Dakota.

The local coal markets of the Southern states are overstocked and prices are not improving. The demand for coal, even at the low prices prevailing, is light.

The Beaver has been unfortunate this trip. It is now reported that she has been caught in a storm and lost three more boats, making five in all she has lost on this trip.

The Queen City will pass down this evening from Pittsburgh with a fine trip. She has a full load of passengers and a good trip of freight. A large crowd will no doubt greet her here.

The Hill City, now being lengthened on the marine ways at Madison, will be too long to go through the canal locks when she is finished and ready to leave for St. Louis. Consequently she will have to go over the Falls if there is water enough. She is the longest steam boat afloat.

Ohio falling from Pittsburgh to Louisville, with 0.8 at Oil City, 4 at Pittsburgh, 6.8 at Wheeling, 7.5 at Zanesville, 8.5 feet at Columbus, 15 at Caledon, 18 at Toledo, 20 at Sandusky, 22 at Cincinnati, 8 feet in Louisville, 23.5 rising at Cairo, and 15.8 rising at St. Louis. Upper Ohio and tributaries, Cumberland and Arkansas falling, Only 9 at Orleans; Tennessee rising, with 5.5 at Chattanooga. Light rain up New river.

The suit between the owners of the steamers Onida and C. C. Martin, growing out of the collision while racing, in which the Martin was sunk, was decided in favor of the Onida. The Court held that both boats were equally to blame, and that each should bear one-half the loss received. The Martin people took their boat and the Onida owners paid half the loss, \$8,000.

DUTY ON HIDES.

Republican Caucus Sustains the Action of the Committee.

The Committee Reversed the Duties on Watches and Watch Jewels.

About Fifty Cadets Appointed For the next Class. Among them a son of the Late G. M. Sheridan—Stewart L. Woodford is serving in McKinley.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—Stewart L. Woodford has had an interview with the president of the directors of the Phoenix hotel. About 25 operators of florists and jewelers are present. Joseph LeCompte of Lexington was chosen vice president; Smith P. Kerr, of Winchester, was chosen vice president; John L. Logan, of Shreveport, secretary. The meeting was opened with a recitation of Lexington's history and the movement of the Farmers to that city. Said President LeCompte to a reporter:

"I find, from the reports of our members, that the outside business of the hotel is very fair this year. The wheat yield in Kentucky will be very large. I should say about ten per cent, and an average crop of wheat in Kentucky and elsewhere is due to the movement of the Farmers to that city for wheat in the fall and winter than give them 50 cents for it right now."

Terrible Tragedy at Corbin, Ky.

CORBIN, Ky., June 25.—This place was the scene of a terrible tragedy Thursday afternoon, when Daniel L. Curry, a well-known hotel keeper, shot and killed John Corley, a well-known Louisville boot and shoe salesman. It is alleged that Mrs. Curry was insulted by Corley a few days ago while on a walk in the city, and in the fight that resulted he fired five shots into Corley, killing him instantly. Curry apparently has the sympathy of the people here, and he has given himself up shortly after the tragedy.

Two killed, the other badly wounded. HENDERSON, Ky., June 25.—Harriet Randolph met Alice Tapp Womack with Robert Taylor on Second street when she was shot and killed. Her son was dead. A shooting affray followed with her escort, Robert Taylor, in which Randolph was killed and Taylor badly wounded. Jealousy is the supposed cause. All are dead.

Terrible Disaster at Paducah. PADUCAH, Ky., June 25.—A hurricane Thursday evening swept the city and did great damage to buildings. The Express wagon, stalled on the levee, was blown down, together with the horses and driver. At Mayfield Mrs. A. M. Jones and child were thrown out of a buggy and seriously injured.

Terrible Disaster at Ashland. ASHLAND, Ky., June 25.—Arrangements have just been completed with eastern capitalists to sink a number of wells for oil and gas in the country near this place. Two parties have been formed, one to be engaged in some time and nearly all the desirable property is now under contract.

Residence struck by Lightning. ALEXINGTON, Ky., June 25.—Lightning struck the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Valmeyer, to miles northeast of town, early Thursday morning. The residence of G. S. Hollenback, in the center of the town, was also struck, demolishing the kitchen.

Terrible Disaster in Kankakee. HOMERVILLE, Ky., June 25.—During a storm here Wednesday morning two large shocks were felt. The shaking of the walls of large buildings was perceptible to everybody. The house of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Funes fell over into American.

CALEXINGTON, Ky., June 25.—Dolly Lewis and Kate Parsons engaged in an unlimited contest over the affection of Samuel Parsons. They have no right to leave them and seem to have no right left in them.

Gov. O'Farrell as Lexington.

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FRANKFORT, Ky., June 25.—A severe thunder storm passed over the city two hours, passed over the section Wednesday night. The river rose three feet during the night.

Court of Appeals Adjudges Until Fall. FRANKFORT, Ky., June 25.—The court of appeals adjourned Thursday morning for the summer vacation until the third Monday in September.

A. W. Jones' Motion to suspend the operation of the woolen dyers for one year.

IN THE SENATE.

The Danes are manufacturing woolens. Goods comes a spirit of cost.

WASHERON, June 25.—Senate—a sub committee of the Senate on Manufactures and woolen goods occupied the attention of the Senate throughout Thursday. It was a day of great interest, as the committee had the effect of the duties in advancing rates. Many amendments were proposed to reduce the rates.

During the day Senator Clegg and others introduced various amendments and several varieties among them democratic senators and representatives.

Resolutions of deep regret were passed on the death of Representative W. C. Gandy, of Mississippi, whose services were named as an escort.

Princes of Wales Dine at the Foot.

LONDON, June 25.—The princesses of Wales and the poor. Their

very success. About 8,000 denizens of the were sumptuously entertained at the various centers.

The princess, accompanied by the prince, the duchess of Connaught, and the prince and princess of Wales, of Denmark, visited the principal halls where the feasts were given.

Two Boys Drowned.

INWOOD, W. Va., June 25.—Frank Hodges, aged 14, and Albert Paters, aged 11, both of this city were drowned in Monongahela river, west of Hurley.

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KENTUCKY NEWS.

The Latest News From All Parts of the Commonwealth.

MILLERS OF KENTUCKY

Say the Wheat Conditions Are Promising

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